

# *What You Need to Know About the Latest Research on Adolescents!*

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# Thank You !

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# Presentation Agenda

- Epidemiology – CSAT & CMHS Data Set
- Describe - Who? What? Where?
- Directionality - When?
- Define and Grade the Knowledge Base
- Illustrate the Knowledge Base



# Co- occurring Youth

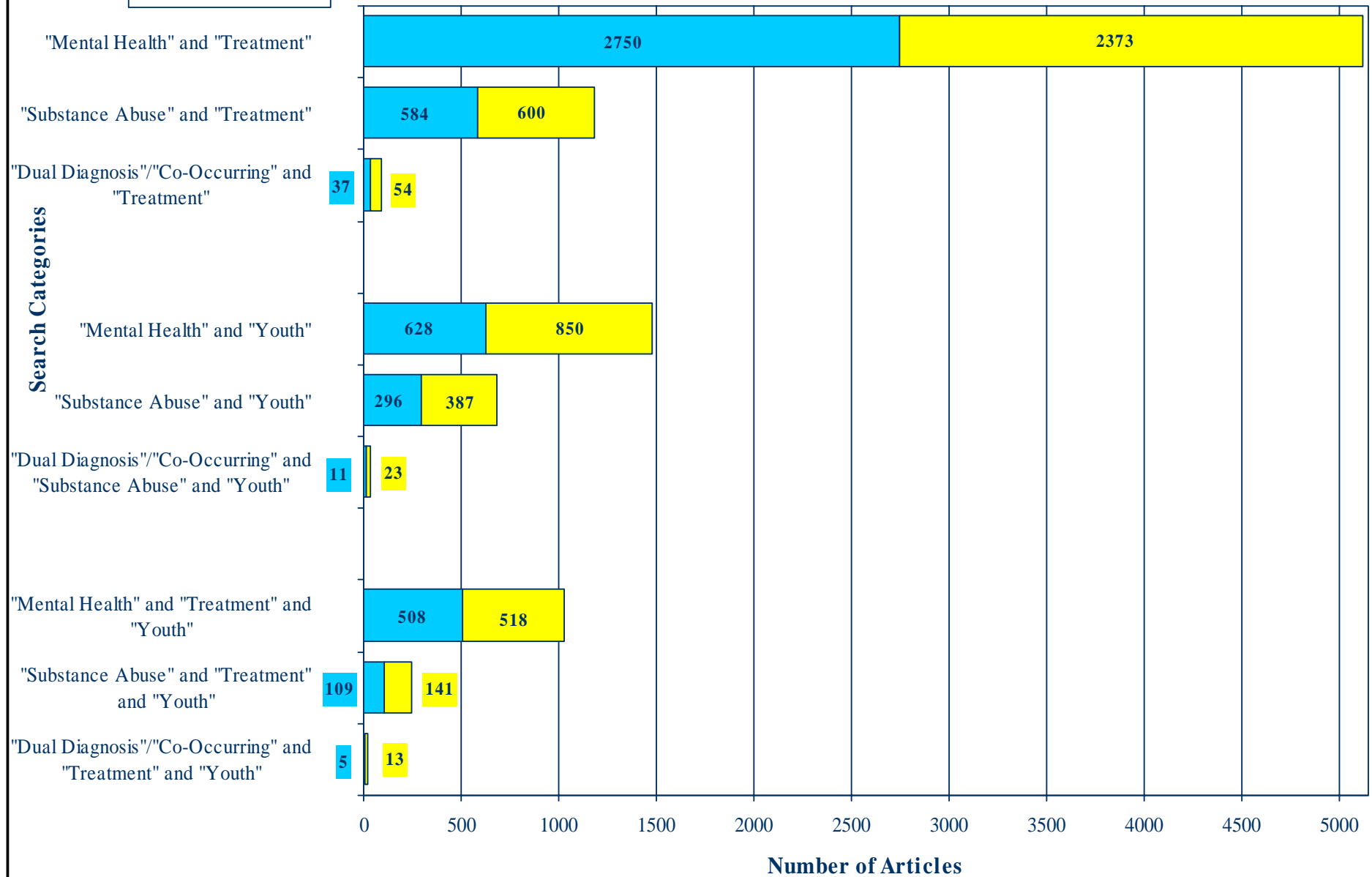
Past Problems with National Data System –  
Dual diagnosis is Under Reported

- Identification
- Funding
- Early Discharge Without Thorough Assessment
- New Field with a Lot of Resources to Help Guide Direction of Exploration.

## Literature Search Results

■ 1996-1999

■ 2000-2004





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# CMHS National Evaluation

## *Aggregate Data Profile Report*

Grant Communities Funded from 1997 to 2000  
(approximately 50 sites)

# Demographic Characteristics and Custody Status of Children Served

	Overall Sample
<b>Gender</b>	( <i>n</i> = 16,336)
Male	66.2%
Female	33.8%
<b>Average Age</b>	( <i>n</i> = 16,244) 11.4 years
<b>Categorical Age</b>	( <i>n</i> = 16,165)
Birth to 3 years	6.7%
4 to 6 years	11.4%
7 to 11 years	23.6%
12 to 14 years	29.5%
15 to 18 years	27.8%
19 to 21 years	1.0%
<b>Race*</b>	( <i>n</i> = 12,699)
American Indian or Alaska Native	9.8%
Asian	0.9%
Black or African American	24.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.5%
White	61.3%
Of Hispanic Origin	8.3%
Multi-racial	6.5%
Other	1.4%
<b>Custody Status of Child**</b>	( <i>n</i> = 13,104)
Two Biological Parents, or One Biological and One Stepparent	25.2%
Biological Mother Only	43.8%
Biological Father Only	4.3%
Adoptive Parent(s)	4.1%
Foster Parent(s)	1.0%
Grandparent(s)	6.4%
Ward of the State	9.1%
Other***	6.2%

\* Because individuals may claim more than one racial background, the race variable may add to more than 100%.

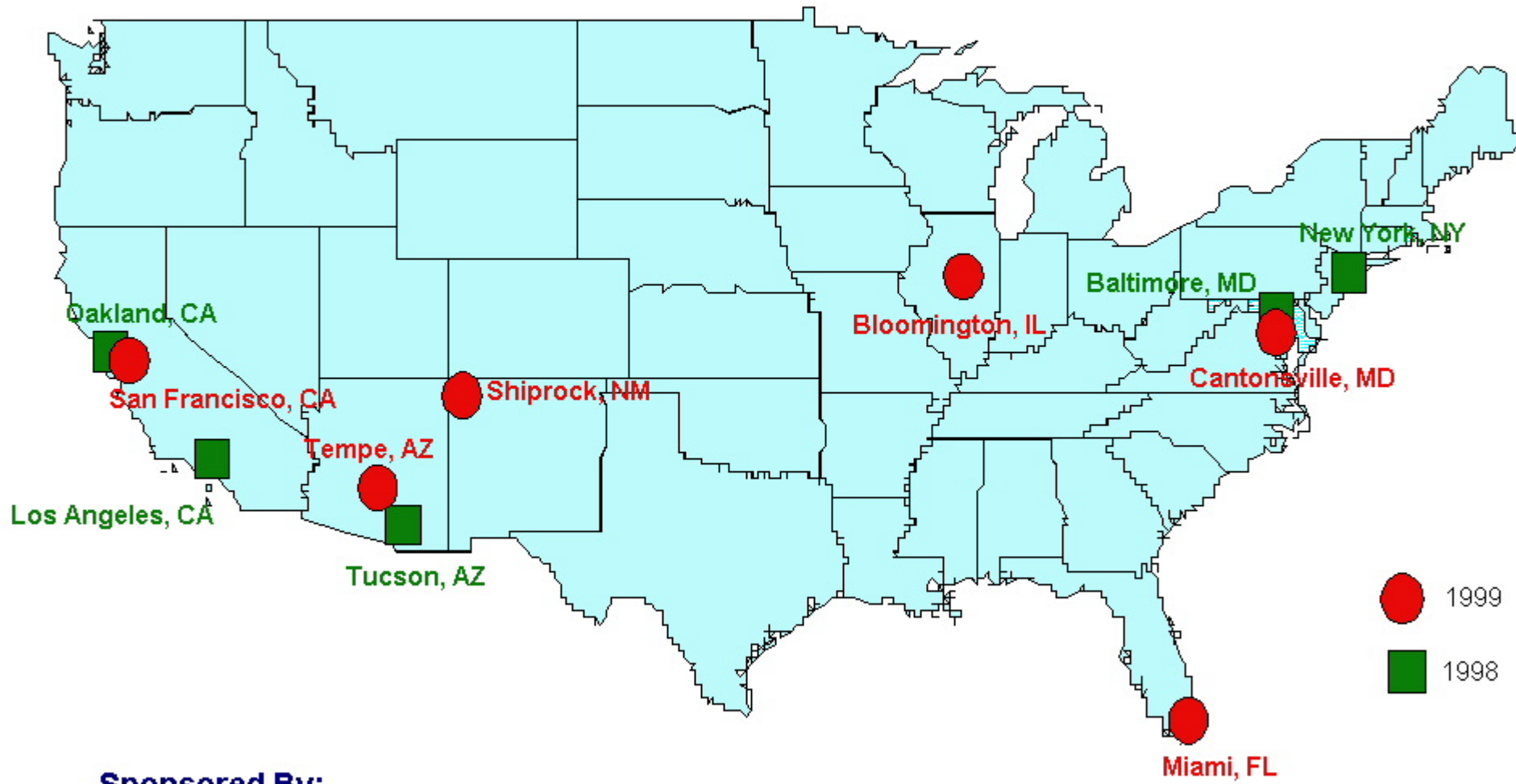
\*\* Custody status refers to legal status and may not reflect living arrangement. For information on living arrangement see slide entitled "Living Arrangements at Intake."

\*\*\* Other includes siblings, aunts and/or uncles, adult friend, and other caregivers.



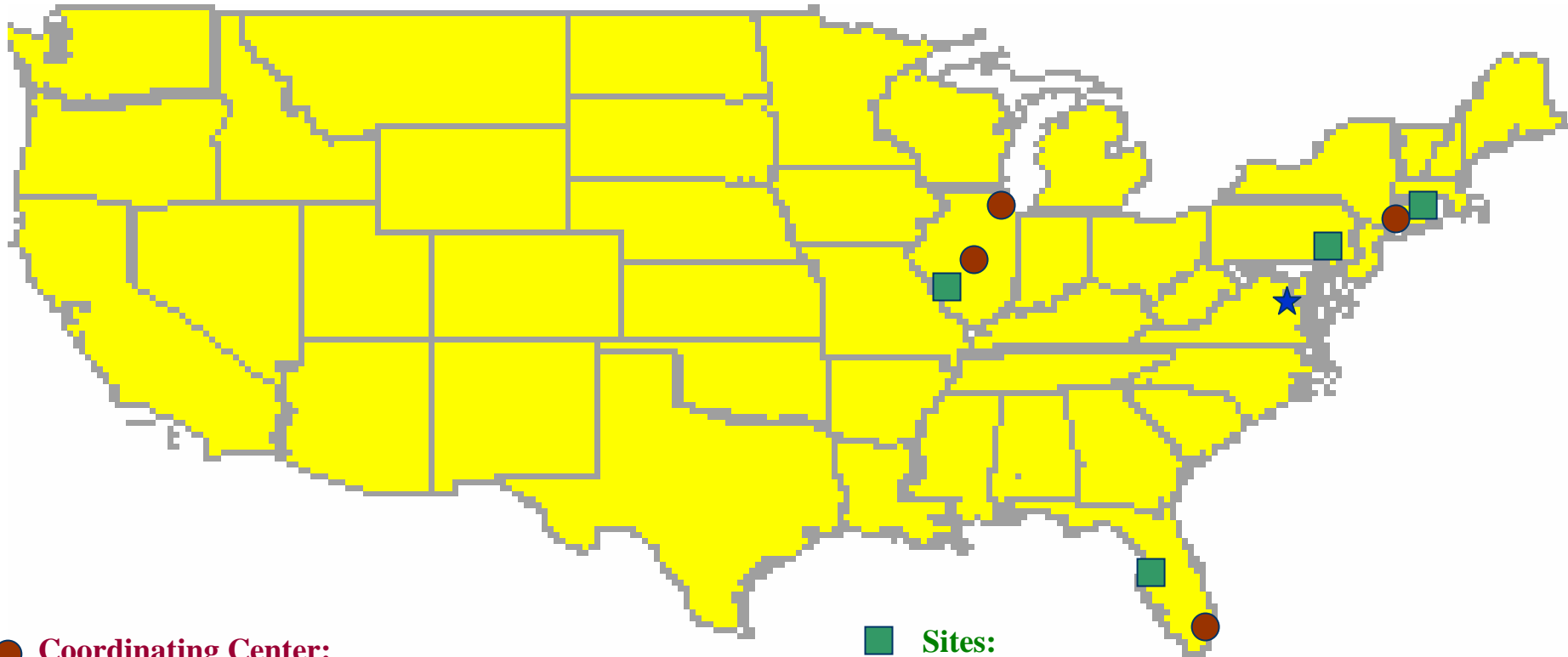
# ATM

## Adolescent Treatment Models: A Study of Existing Adolescent Treatment Models



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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**

# CYT Cannabis Youth Treatment Experiment: A Collaborative Study of the Effectiveness of Treatment for Cannabis Use Disorders



● **Coordinating Center:**  
Chestnut Health Systems, Bloomington, IL,  
and Chicago, IL  
University of Miami, Miami, FL  
University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT

■ **Sites:**  
Univ. Conn. Health Center, Farmington, CT  
Operation PAR, St. Petersburg, FL  
Chestnut Health Systems, Madison County, IL  
Children's Hospital of Phil., Philadelphia, PA

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### Treatment Series

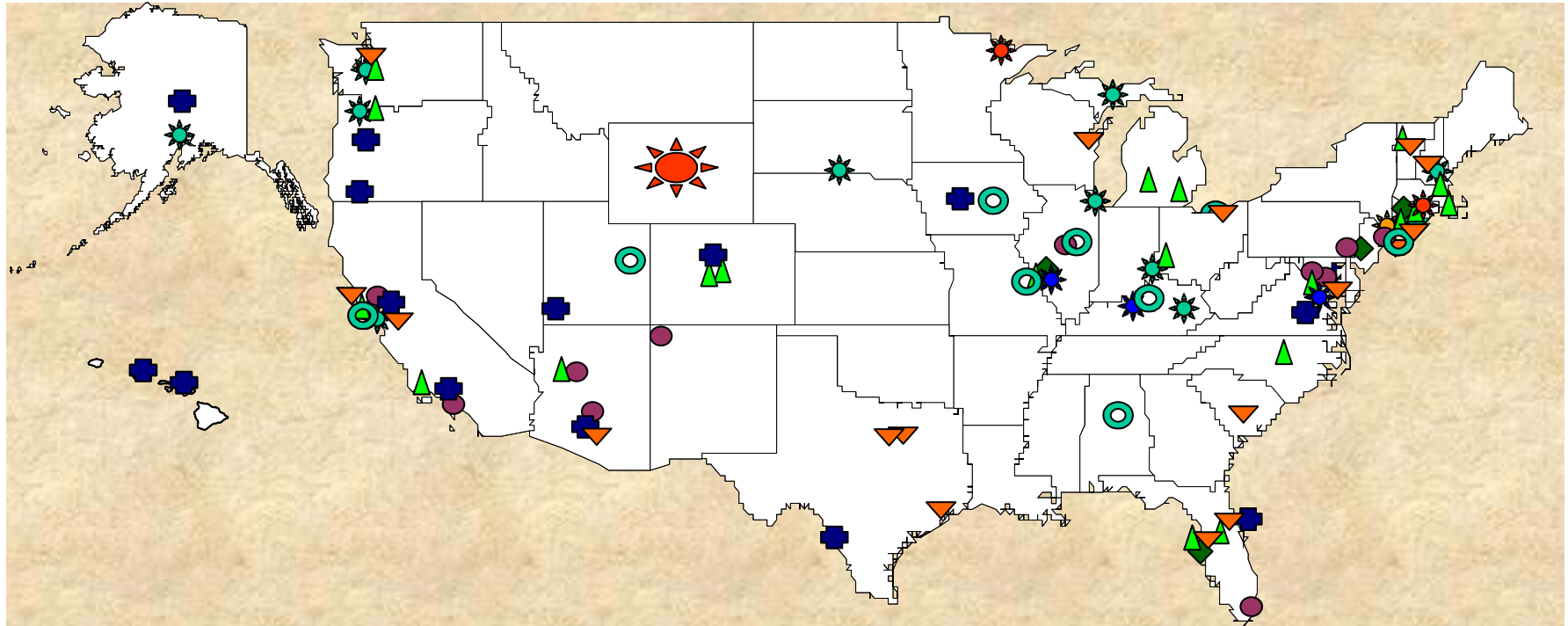
1. **Motivational Enhancement Therapy/Cognitive Behavior Therapy (MET/CBT5)**
2. **MET/CBT12 (uses Cognitive Behavior Therapy 7 [CBT7] manual)**
3. **Family Support Network (FSN) –uses MET/CBT5 and 7 manuals PLUS FSN manual**
4. **Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (ACRA)**
5. **Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT)**



# Recent Adolescent Treatment Studies using the same core GAIN measure

- Drug Outcome Monitoring Study (DOMS) across levels of care and age (adolescent, young adult, adult)
- 5 CSAT Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT) grants
- 10 CSAT Adolescent Treatment Model (ATM) grantees
- 7 Persistent Effects of Treatment Study of Adolescents (PETS-A) subcontracts to follow adolescents out to 30 months.
- 12 CSAT Strengthening Communities—Youth (SCY) grants
- 11 RWJF Reclaiming Futures (diversion) grants
- 17 CSAT Adolescent Residential Treatment (ART) grants
- 2 NIAAA Assertive Aftercare Program (AAP) experiments
- Half dozen other evaluations of adolescent treatment, substance abuse prevention programs, or central intake using subsets of items
- Also used in over a dozen adult treatment studies, including CSAT's co-occurring disorder grants and several NIAAA/NIDA grants.
- **CYT Increased Days Abstinent and Percent in Recovery (no use or problems while in community)**

# Adolescent Treatment Program GAIN Clinical Collaborators



## CSAT

- ◆ Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT)
- Adolescent Treatment Model (ATM)
- Strengthening Communities for Youth (SCY)
- Adolescent Residential Treatment (ART)
- ▲ Effective Adolescent Treatment (EAT)
- ▼ Other CSAT Grantees

## Other Collaborators

- ★ RWJF Reclaiming Futures Program
- ★ RWJF Other RWJF Grantees
- ★ NIAAA/NIDA Other Grantees
- ★ Other Grants/Contracts

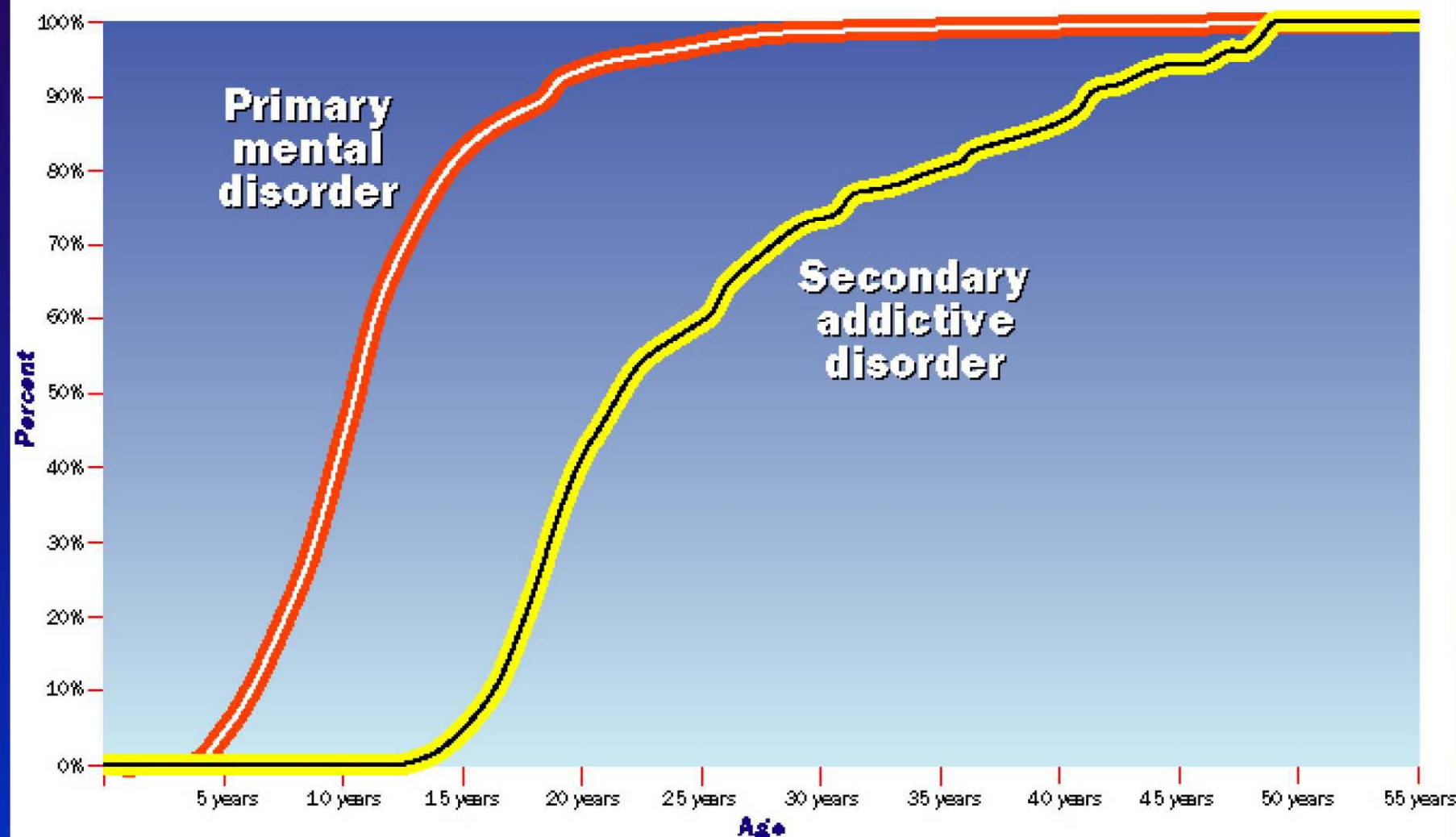
# Assessment Tools That Can Be Used by Parents and Professionals

- Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) 2-3 & 4-18 years
- Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program
- Infant-Toddler Social Emotional Assessment
- Vineland Social-Emotional Early Childhood Scales
- Global Assessment Scale for Children(GASC)
- Parents Evaluations of Developmental Status (PEDS)
- Substance abuse survey integrating measures from SOC & CSAT
- DSM interview for childhood disorders



# Opportunity for preventing comorbid disorder

Cumulative age of onset distributions of first lifetime mental disorder and first lifetime addictive disorder in the subsample of respondents with lifetime co-concurrence of a primary mental disorder and a secondary addictive disorder



Source: Kessler, Nelson, McGonagle, et al. (in press)

# Most Common Presenting Problems

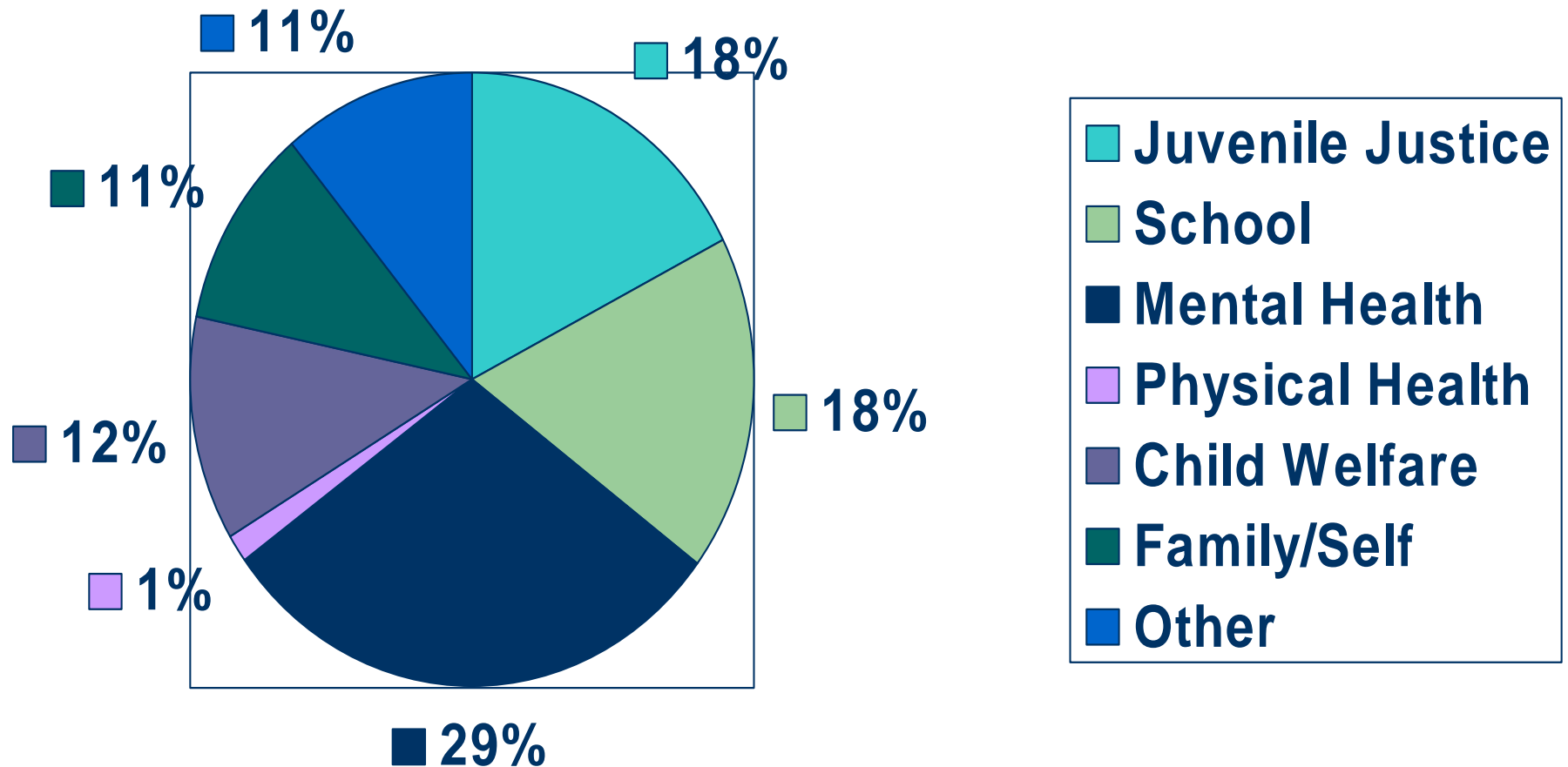
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- Missed Opportunity
  - Verbal/Physical Aggressiveness
  - Academic Difficulties
  - Impulsivity
  - Hyperactivity
  - Depressed Mood
  - Poor Social Skills

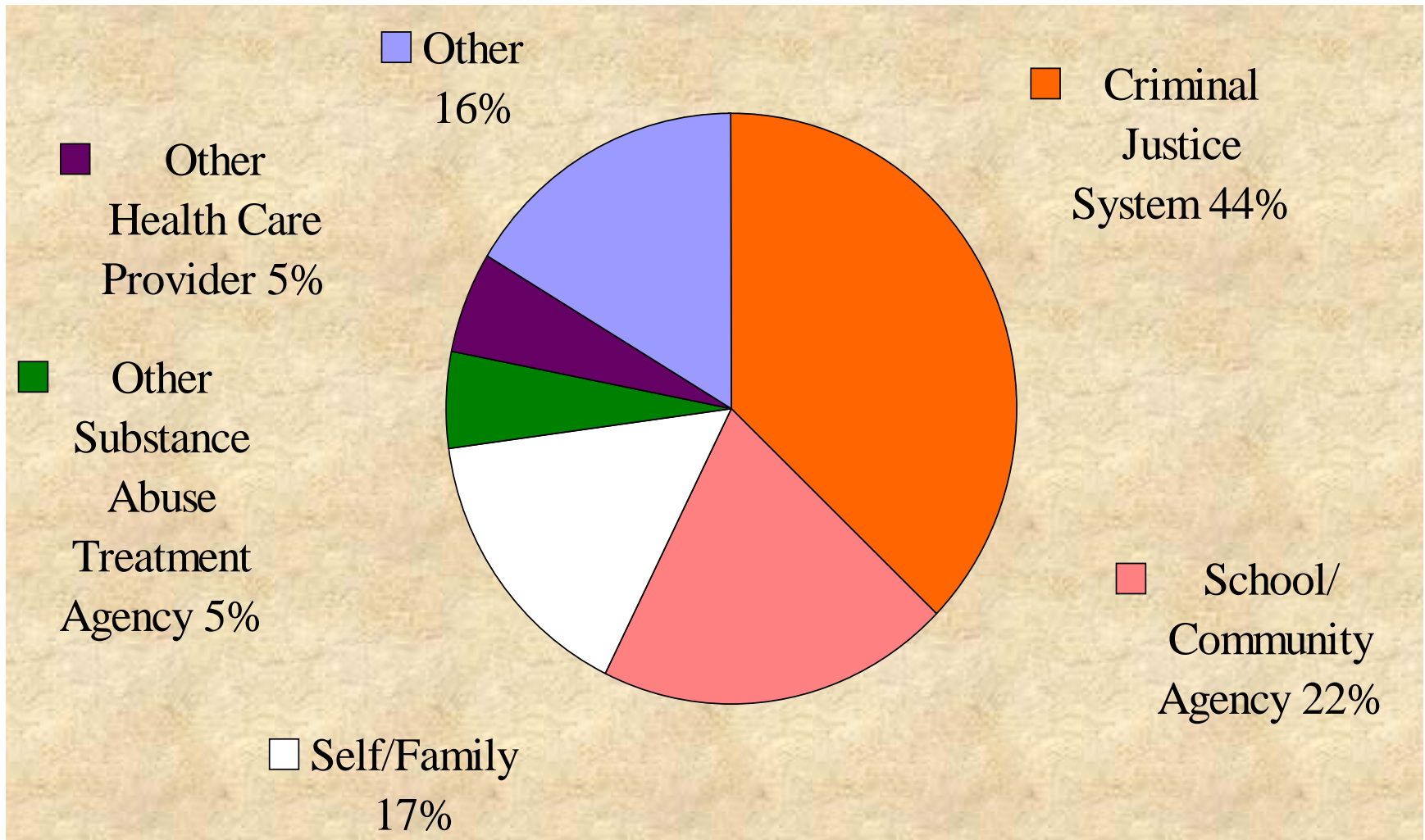


# Sources of Adolescent Referrals (SOC)

*n = 12,094. age = 12 years old*

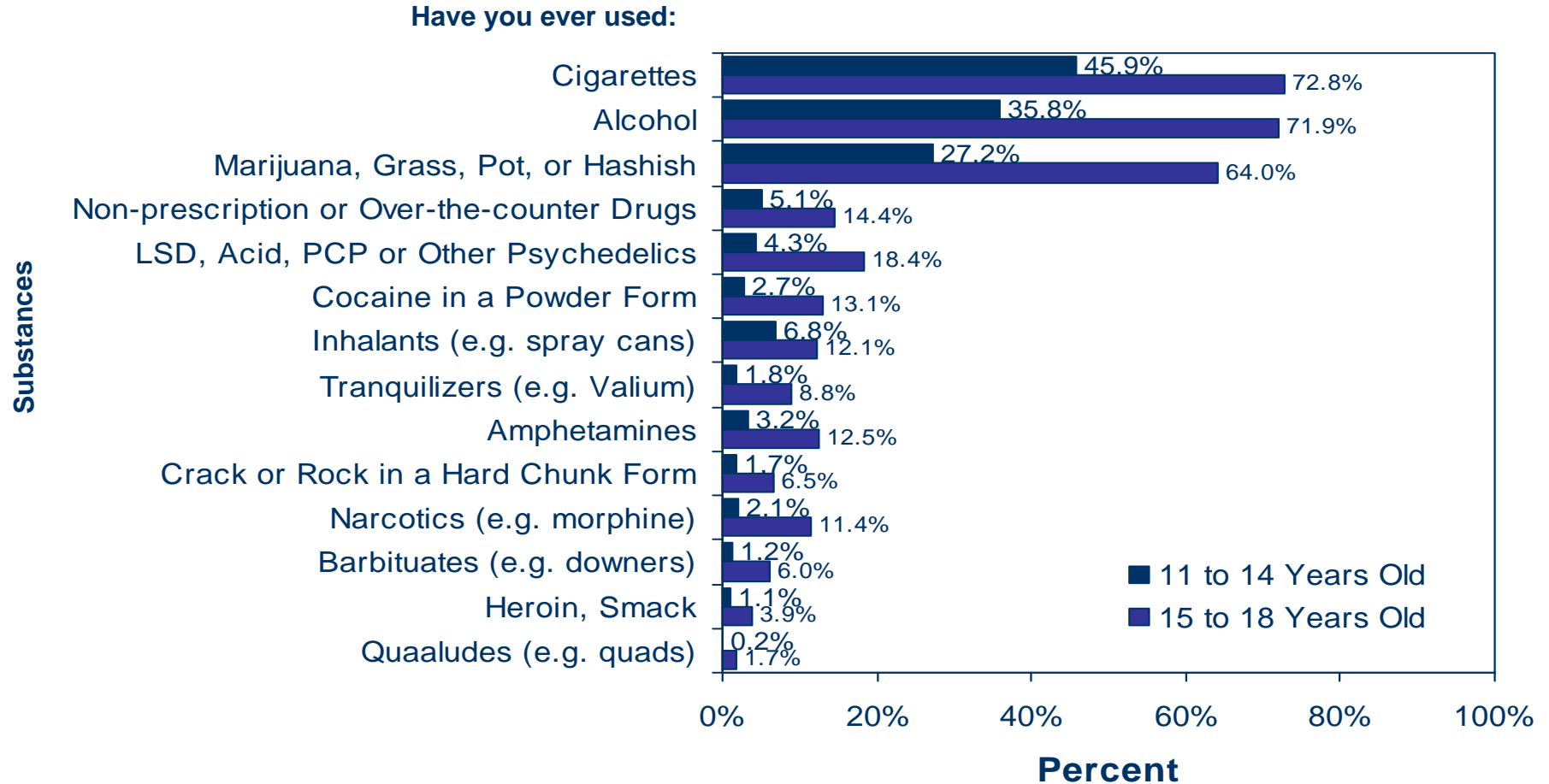


# Sources of Adolescent Referrals



Source: Dennis et al., in press and OAS (2000) 1998 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)

## Substance Use History at Intake by Age Category\*

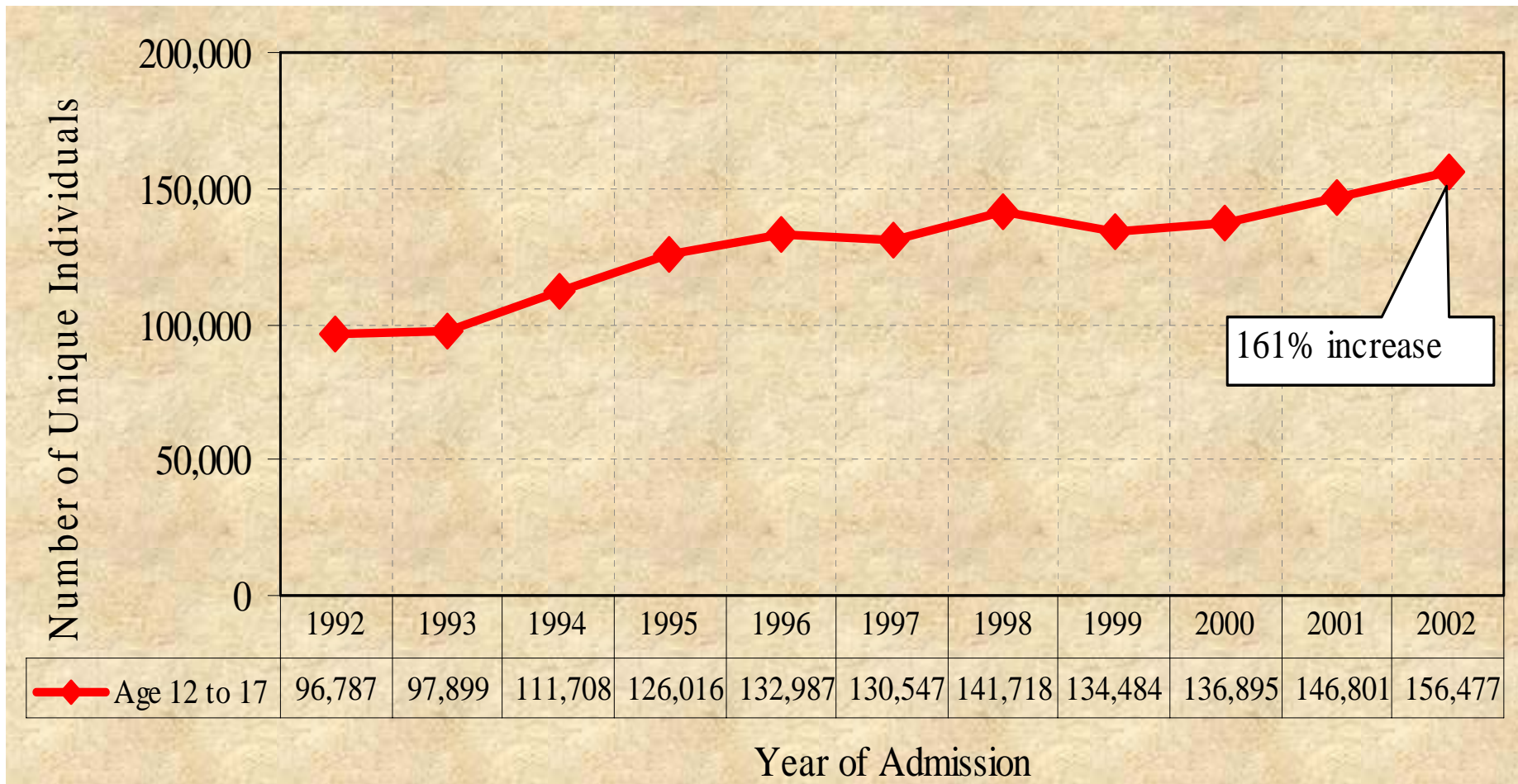


**11 to 14 Years Old:** Number of children varied from 2,440 to 2,452.

**15 to 18 Years Old:** Number of children varied from 1,571 to 1,575.

\* Substance use information was based on self reports from youth 11 years or older.

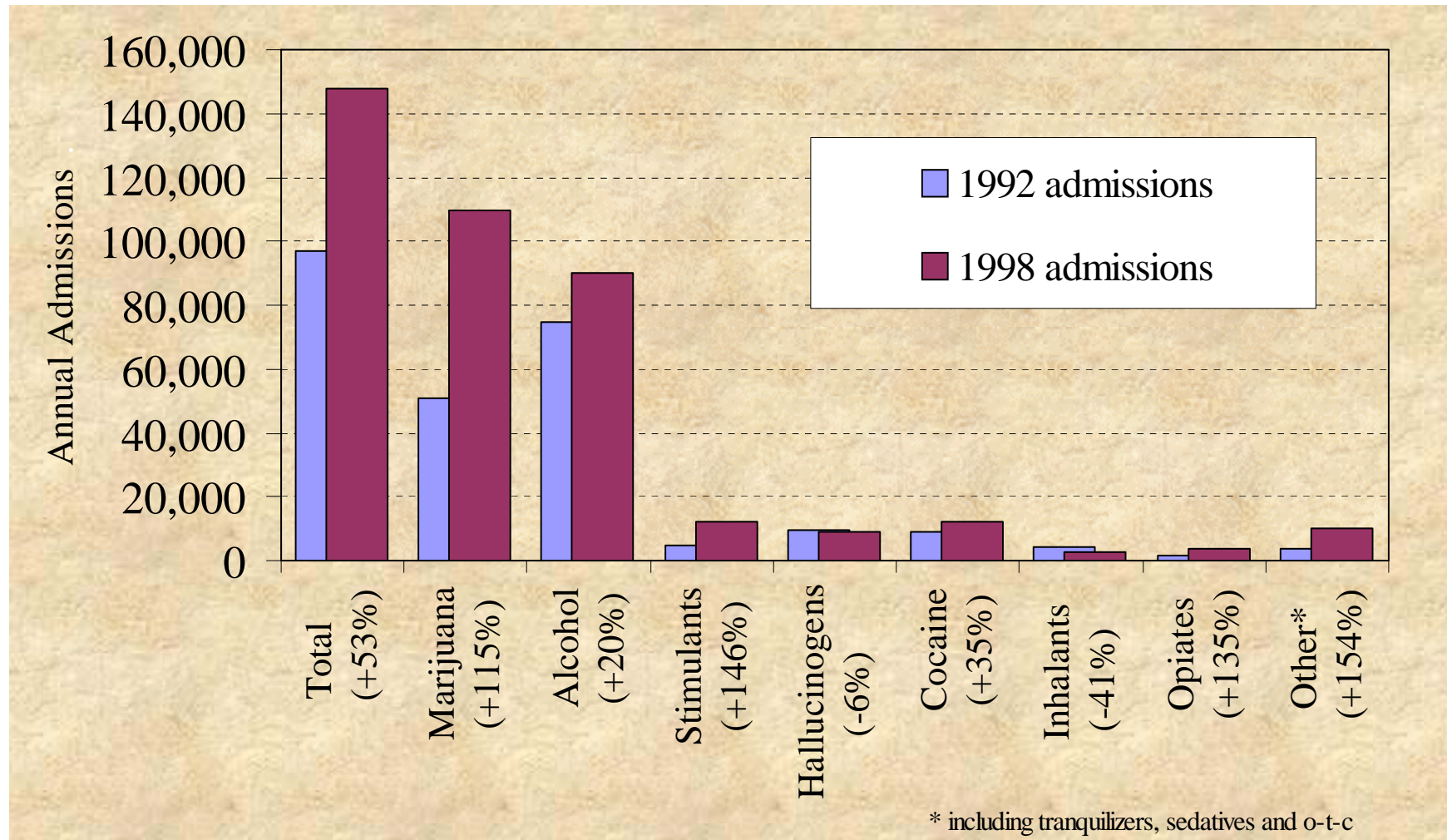
# Trend in Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions: 1992 to 2002



Source: Office of Applied Studies 1992- 2002 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)

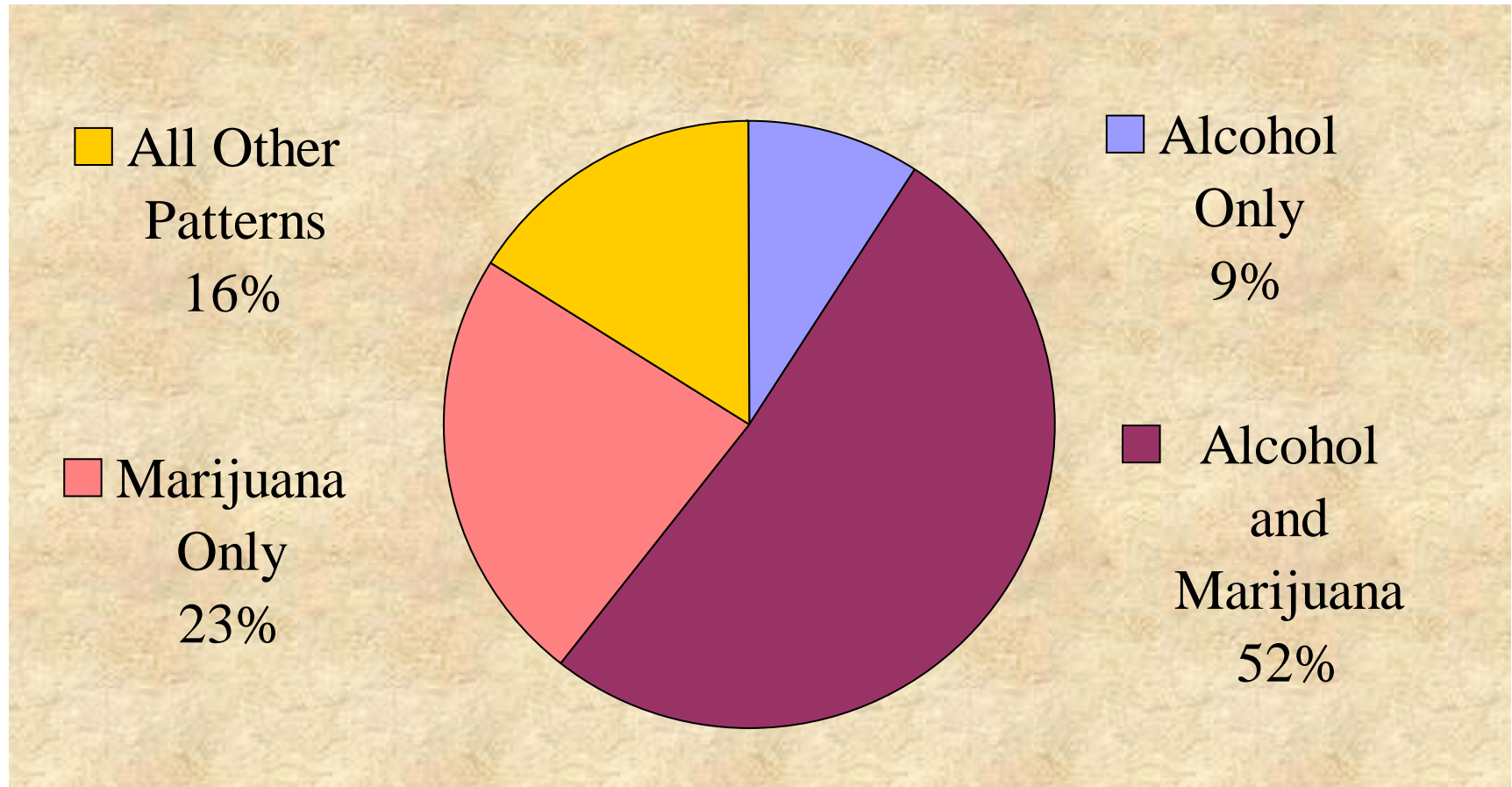
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# Change in Adolescent Admissions (1992-1998)



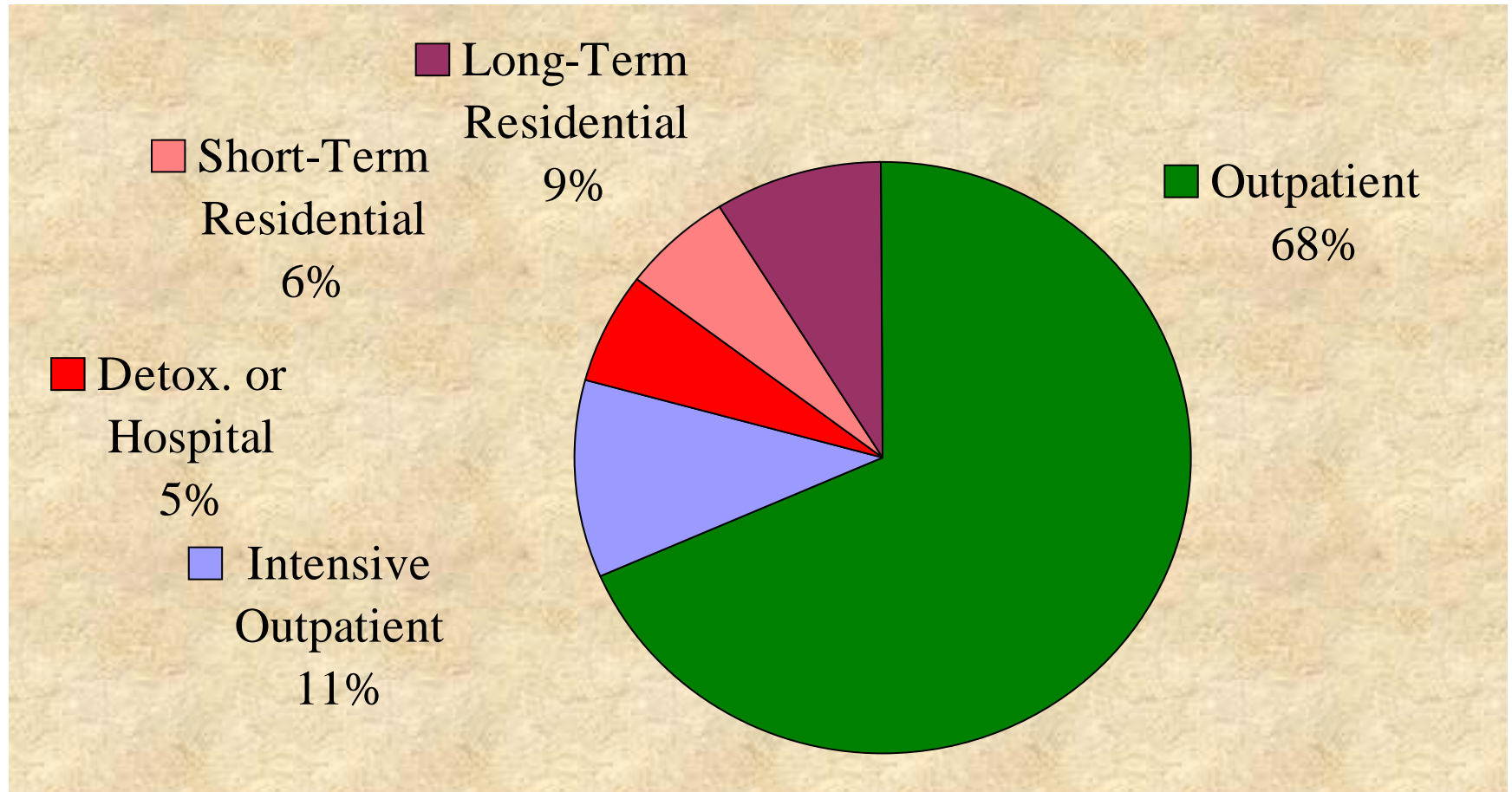
Source: *Dennis, Dawud-Noursi, Muck & McDermeit, 2002*  
and *1992-1998 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)*

# Patterns of Substance Use Problems



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and 1998 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)*

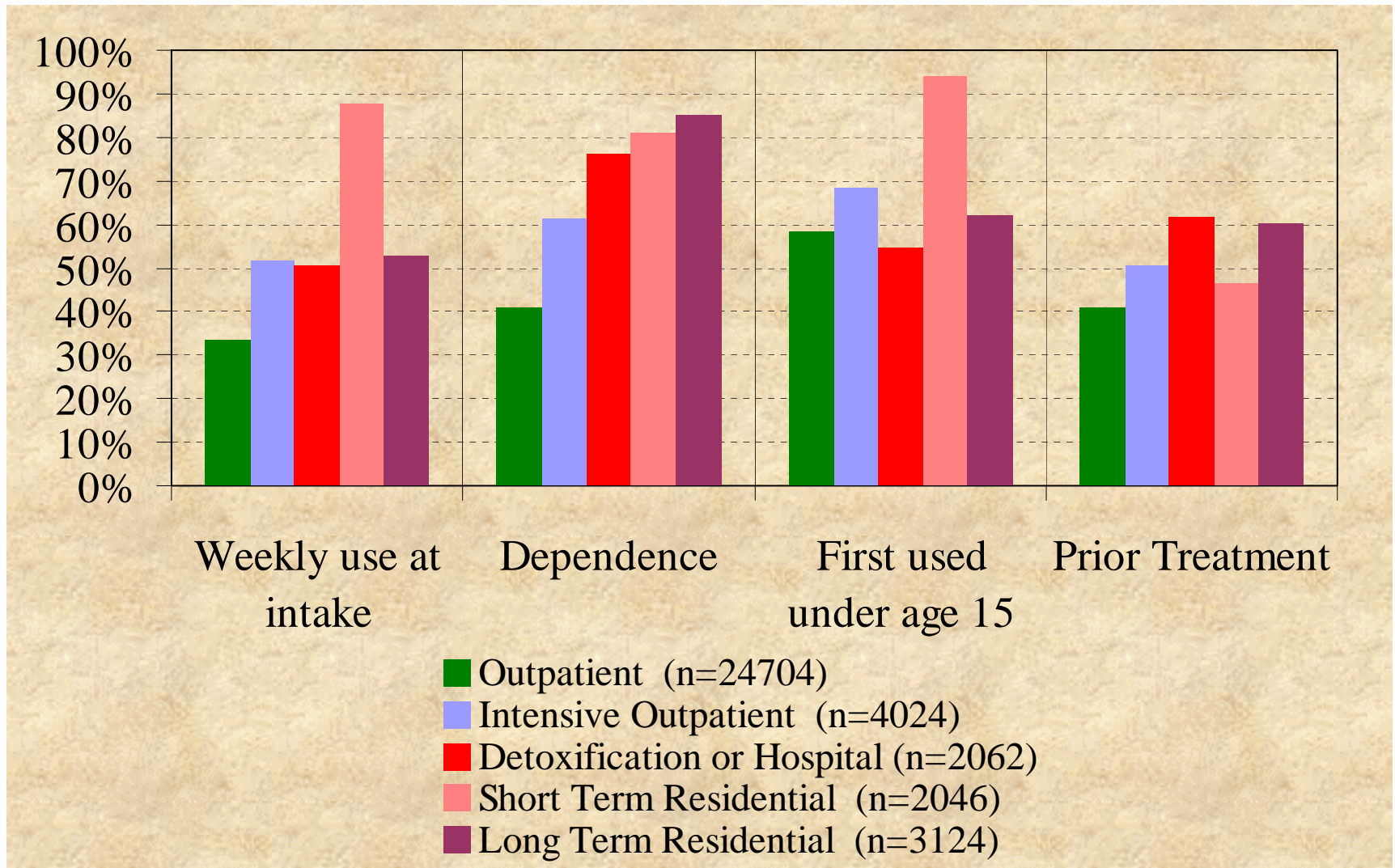
# Level of Care at Admission



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# Severity Varies by Level of Care



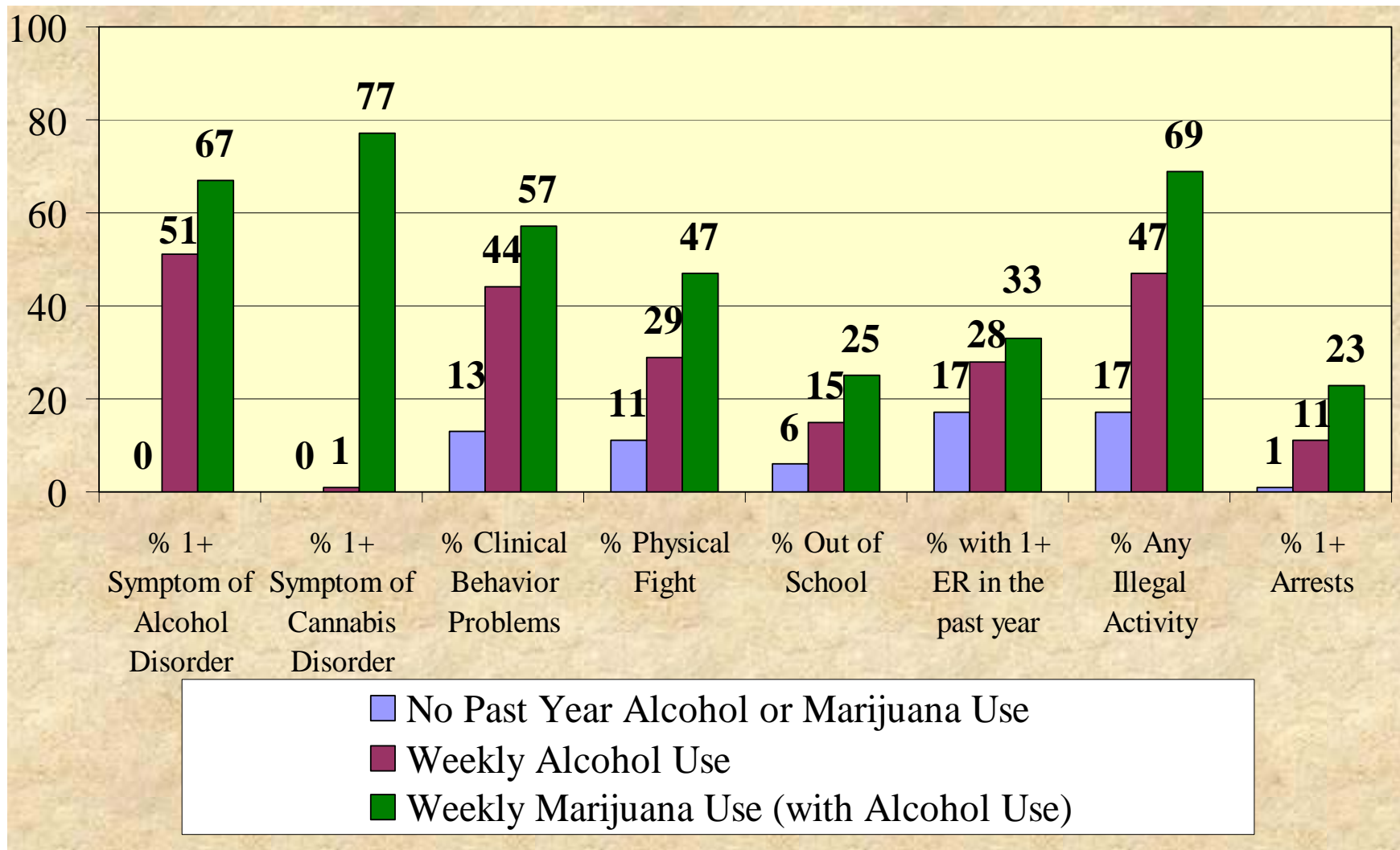
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# Most Frequent Diagnoses in MH Settings

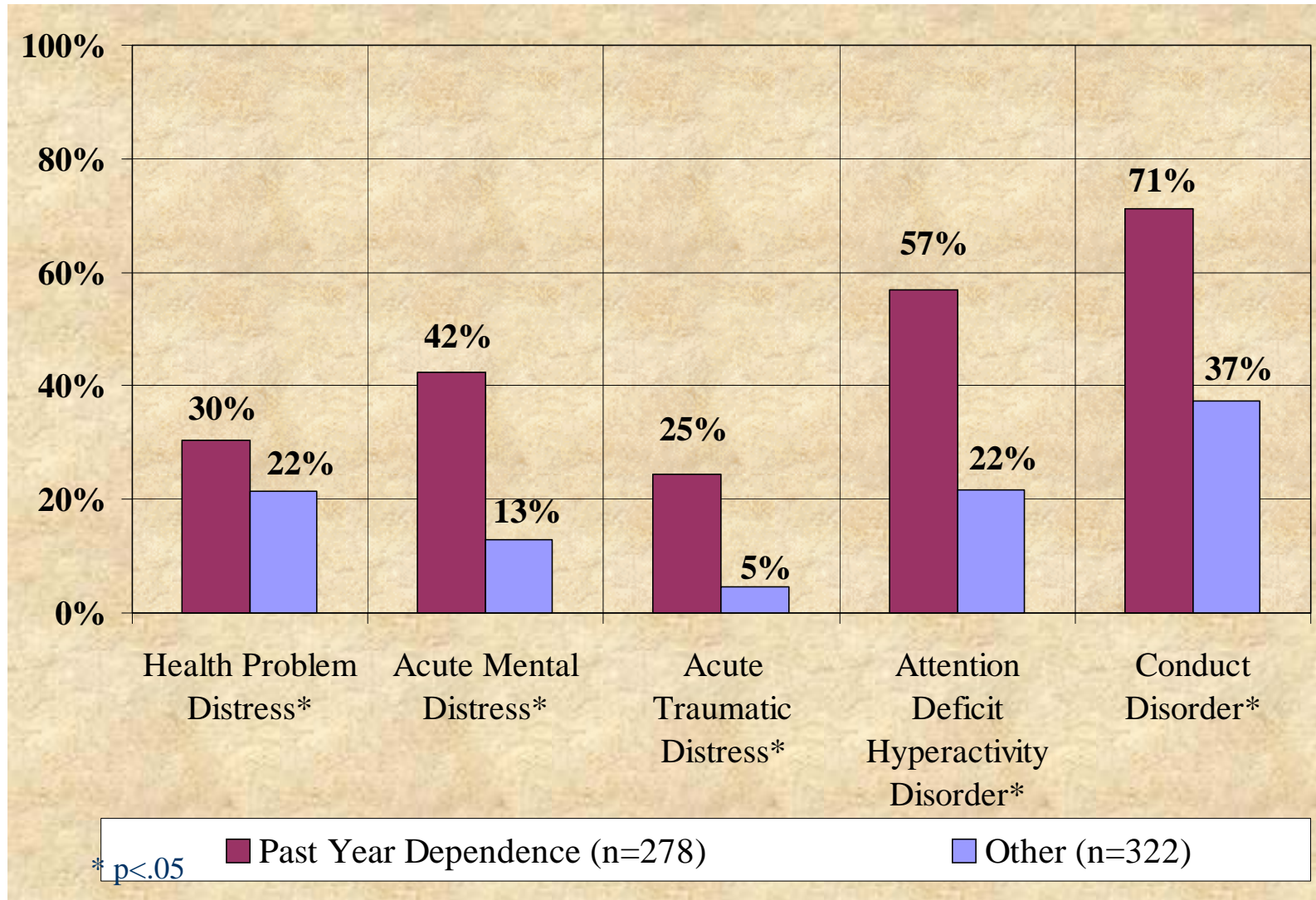
- Oppositional Defiant/Conduct Disorders
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Traumatic Stress
- Substance Disorder

# Consequences of Substance Use



Source: Dennis, M.L., Godley, S.H., & Titus, J.C. (1999, Fall).

# Severity is Related to Other Problems



# What we are learning: CYT & ATM

- Treatment can work, but needs improvement to be comprehensive.
- Community Outpatient Treatment Models need help.
- Few will sustain recovery on their own.
- Relapse is the norm from all levels of care.
- Assertive continued care is essential.
- Co-occurring is the norm.
- The types of adolescents that need treatment.

# What we are learning: Research

- The “dose” of treatment or the “type” of treatment is less influential than we want to believe.
- Intake in 48 hours is a must (75% vs.50!)
- The most important treatment factors affecting adolescents are the co-occurring issues including trauma/victimization.
- Co-occurring = Two Types: Internalizing & Externalizing (difficult temperament)
- Victimization/Trauma = 60-80%
- Comprehensive Treatment for adolescents consists of **multiple elements** and **many treatment episodes** across **linked environments**.

# Who Uses Drugs? Ages 12-18

- Early Onset = More Severe Course.
- Impaired psychological self-regulation contributes to early age onset of SUD.
- Need to tailor Treatment to type of youth.
- Mixed groups have negative impact (inc. severity).
- **Gender and Family History** (fixed) should not distract from psychopathology and environment
- **Friends** affect use and relapse

# Prevalence & Chronicity

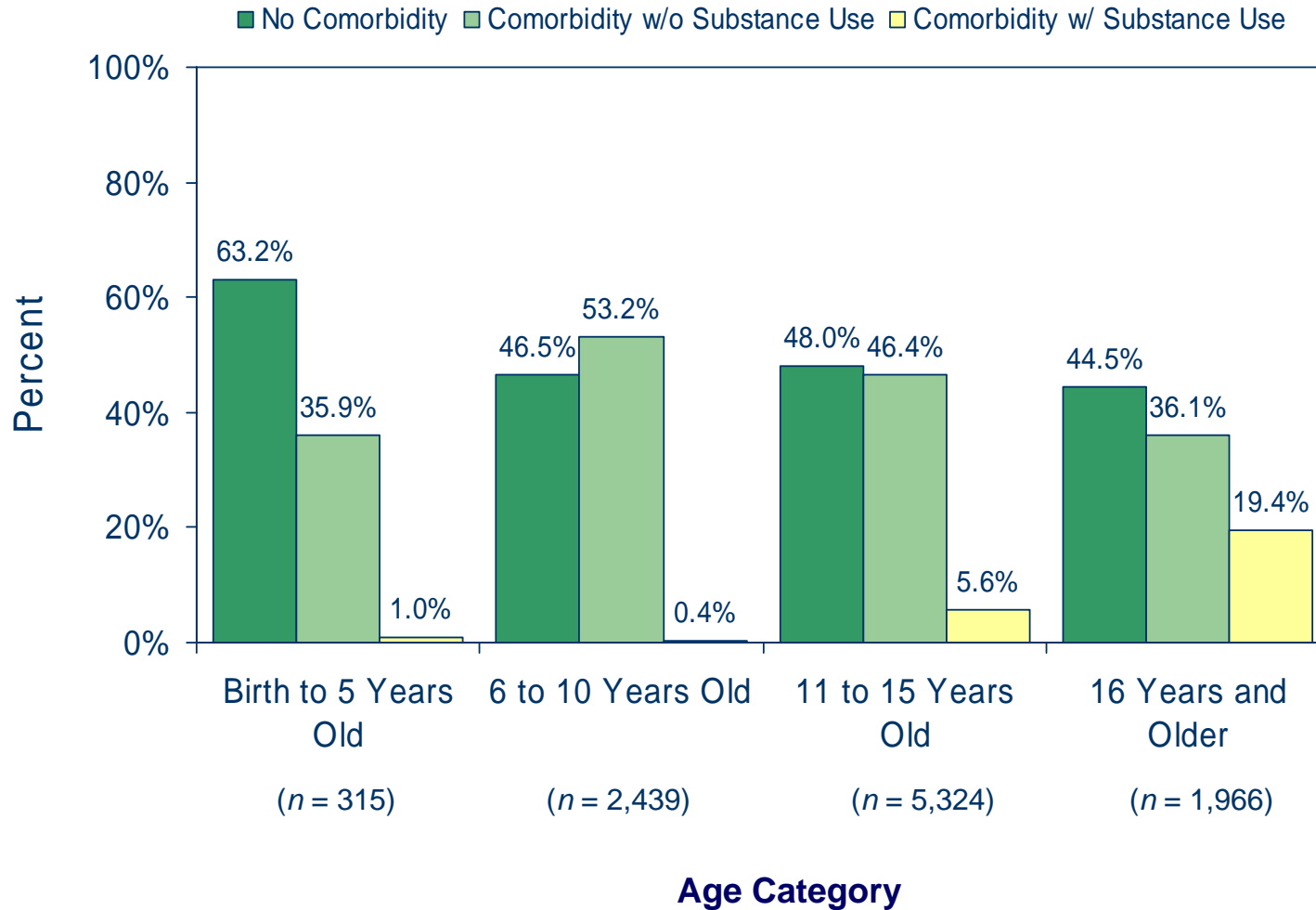
- Co-occurring mental disorders are common and serious, (prevalence rates 20% - 80% depending on sample pool.
- Research indicates the onset of the mental disorder often precedes the addictive disorder. (Temporal order)
- The likelihood of adolescent substance use and dependence is strongly associated with both
  - younger age of onset
  - severity of emotional and behavioral problems
  - True across gender and race.

# Development of comorbidity with substance abuse

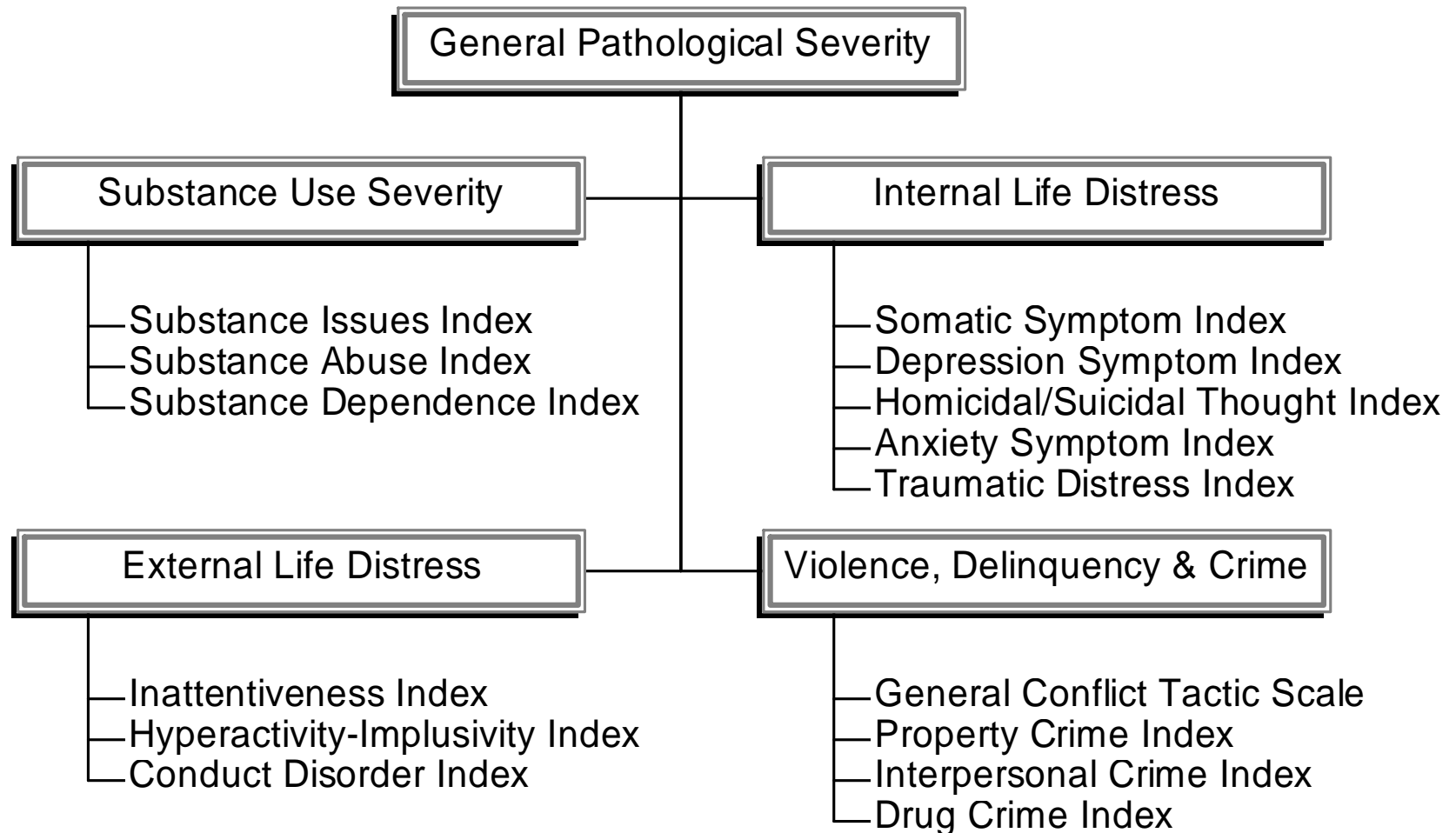
- Costello (1999) n=1420 :
- Family drug problems were the strongest correlates of earlier onset of SUD
- Mean onset of abuse = 14.8
- Mean onset of dependence = 15.1
- Disruptive behavior disorders and MDD associated with earlier onset of use and higher rate of substance abuse for both genders
- Anxiety predicted later onset of smoking



# Comorbidity Status by Age Category



# Meta Analysis of 2968 Adolescents and Adults from 61 programs validates the following structure of the Psychopathology



## **DT – one possible pathway to co-occurring (self, family & peers)**

- **“Difficult To Soothe Temperament”** – possible precursor to externalizing disorders. Predisposes a child to both a coercive parenting relationship and insecure attachments to parents.
- Temperament characteristics, particularly “sensation seeking” and “difficult to soothe”, as they are expressed in childhood, play an instrumental role in the development of alcoholism and related substance use disorders.
- “DT” toddlers more likely to experience: abuse/neglect, family problems, develop a psychiatric disorder during early childhood; LD, ADHD, ODD, CD.

# Internalizing & Externalizing (%)

- **Internalizing**-anxiety, fear, shyness, low self esteem, sadness and depression (30%)
- **Externalizing** –noncompliance, aggression, attention problems, destructiveness, impulsivity, hyperactivity, and antisocial behavior. (60%)
- **Victimization** (60-80%)

# Internal/External problem status

## ATM clients: Residential vs. OP vs. Other

Number	Residential	OP/IOP	Other
.00 Neither	72	119	9
1.00 Internal Only	50	29	18
2.00 External Only	130	150	3
3.00 Both	476	181	16
Total	728	479	46
Percent	Residential	OP/IOP	Other
.00 Neither	10%	25%	20%
1.00 Internal Only	7%	<b>6%</b>	39%
2.00 External Only	18%	<b>31%</b>	7%
3.00 Both	65%	<b>38%</b>	35%
Total	100%	100%	100%

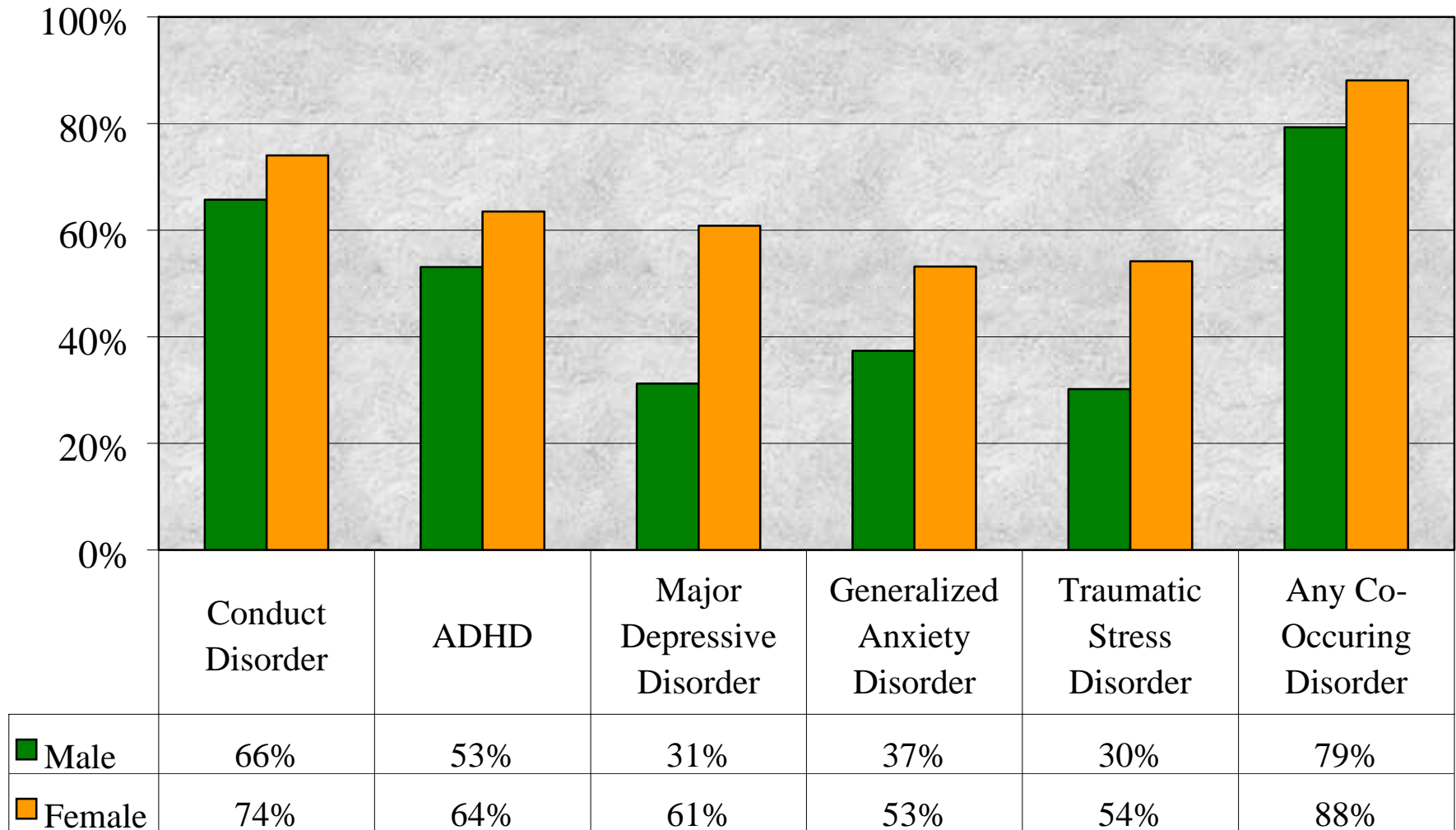
# ATM Youth Diagnoses N=1607

	N	CD	ADHD	MDD	Anx	Trauma Stress	Any Co-Occurring	Life Vic	Acut Vic	Vic past 90 days
M	1207	66%	53%	31%	37%	30%	79%	75%	59%	27%
F	411	74%	64%	61%	53%	54%	88%	80%	71%	33%

# Markers for Risk ! (Glantz, 2002)

- Certain Psychopathologies seem to be significantly associated with SUD and frequently precede SUD
- Conduct disorder and oppositional defiance disorder frequently precede SUD
- ADHD combined with CD precedes SUD but ADHD alone is still questioned for temporal order
- Depression and bipolar disorders less clear
- Anxiety depends on subtype of the disorder
  - PTSD most often precedes SUD
- Only personality disorders: borderline and antisocial

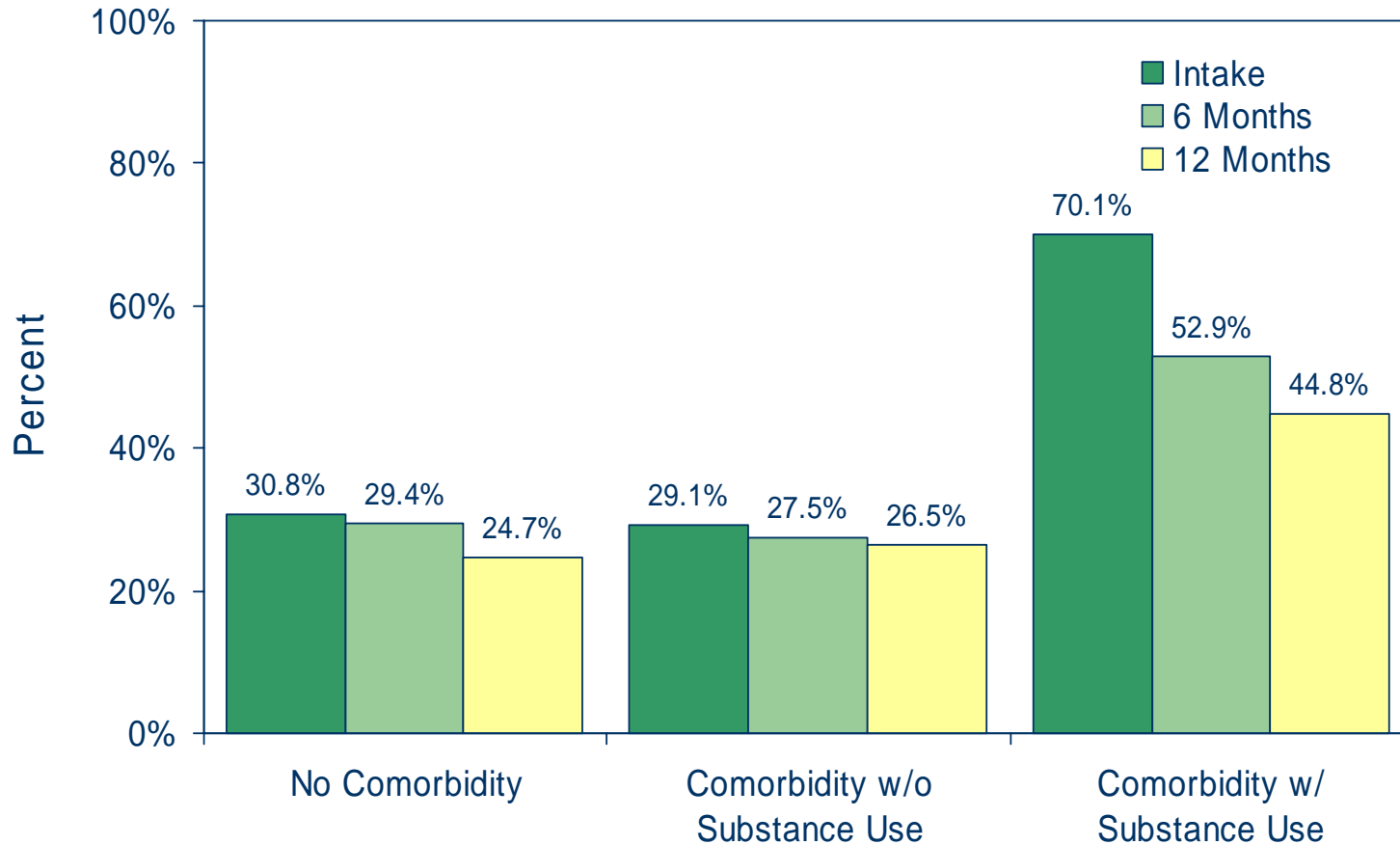
# Multiple Co-occurring Problems By Gender



*Source: CSAT's Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT), Adolescent Treatment Model (ATM), and Persistent Effects of Treatment Study of Adolescents (PETS-A) studies*



# Juvenile Delinquency



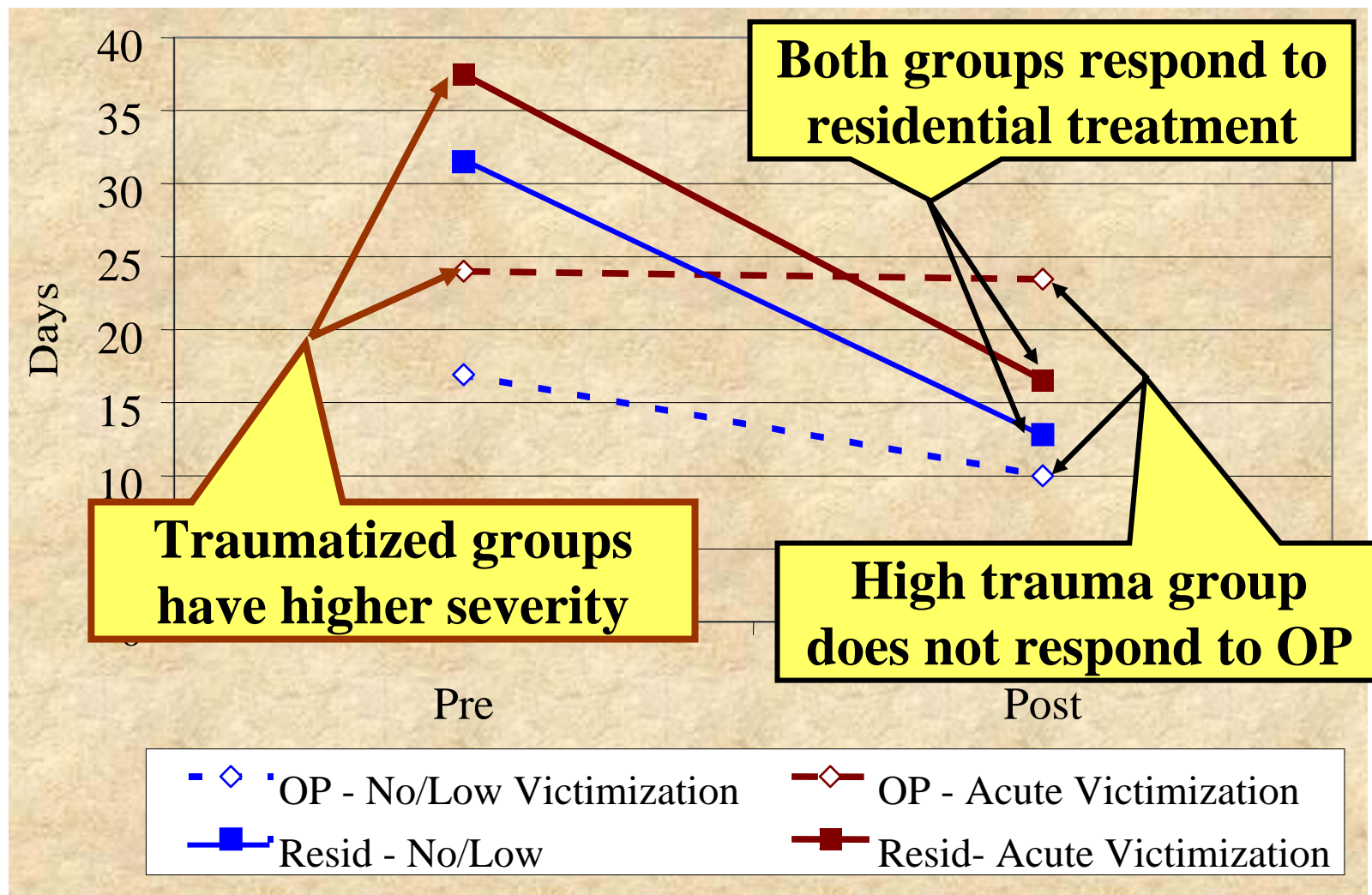
## On Probation

**No Comorbidity Sample:**  $n = 574$ .

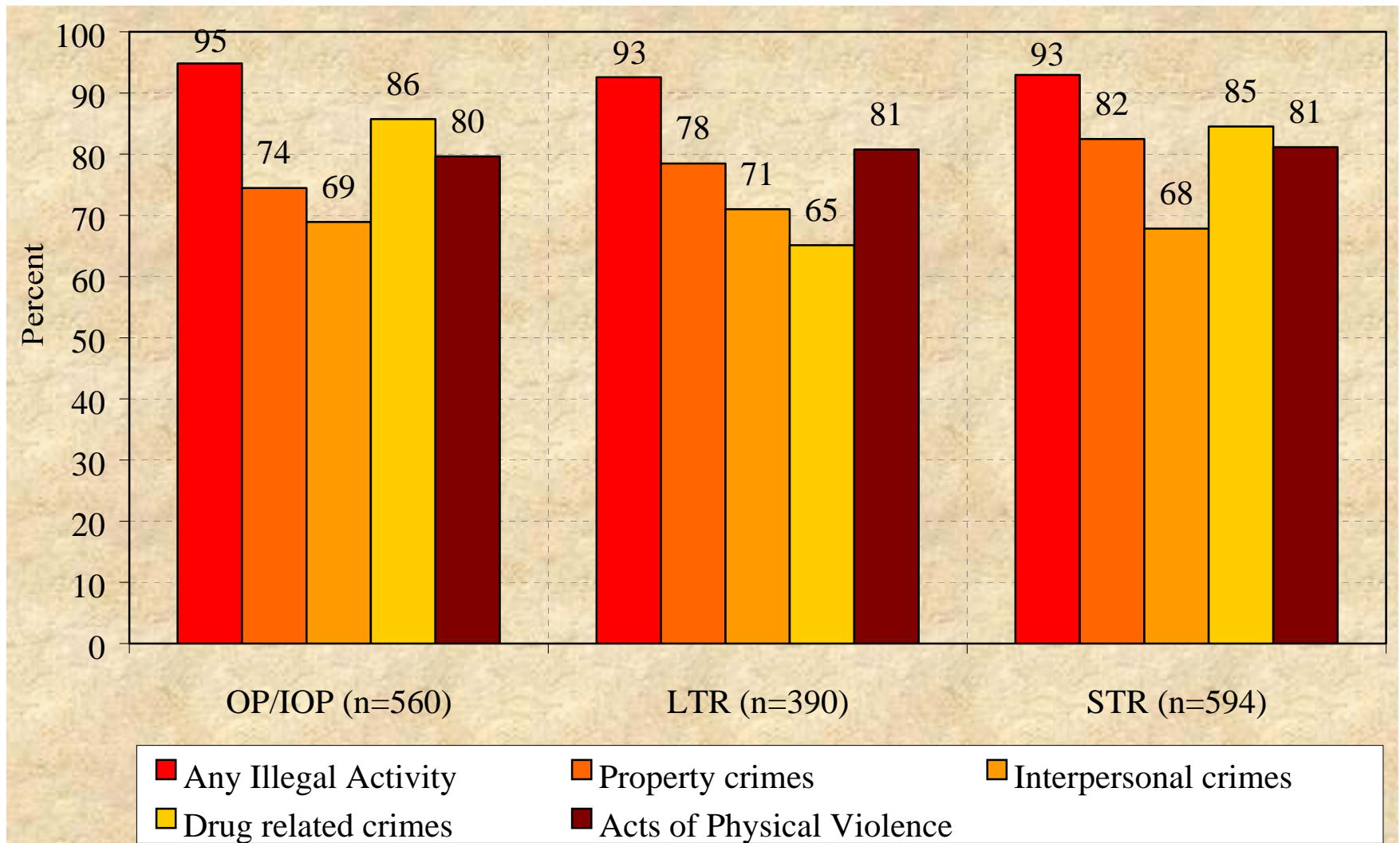
**Comorbidity w/o Substance Use Sample:**  $n = 663$ .

**Comorbidity w/ Substance Use Sample:**  $n = 87$ .

# Interaction of Victimization and Treatment Setting on Days of Marijuana Use

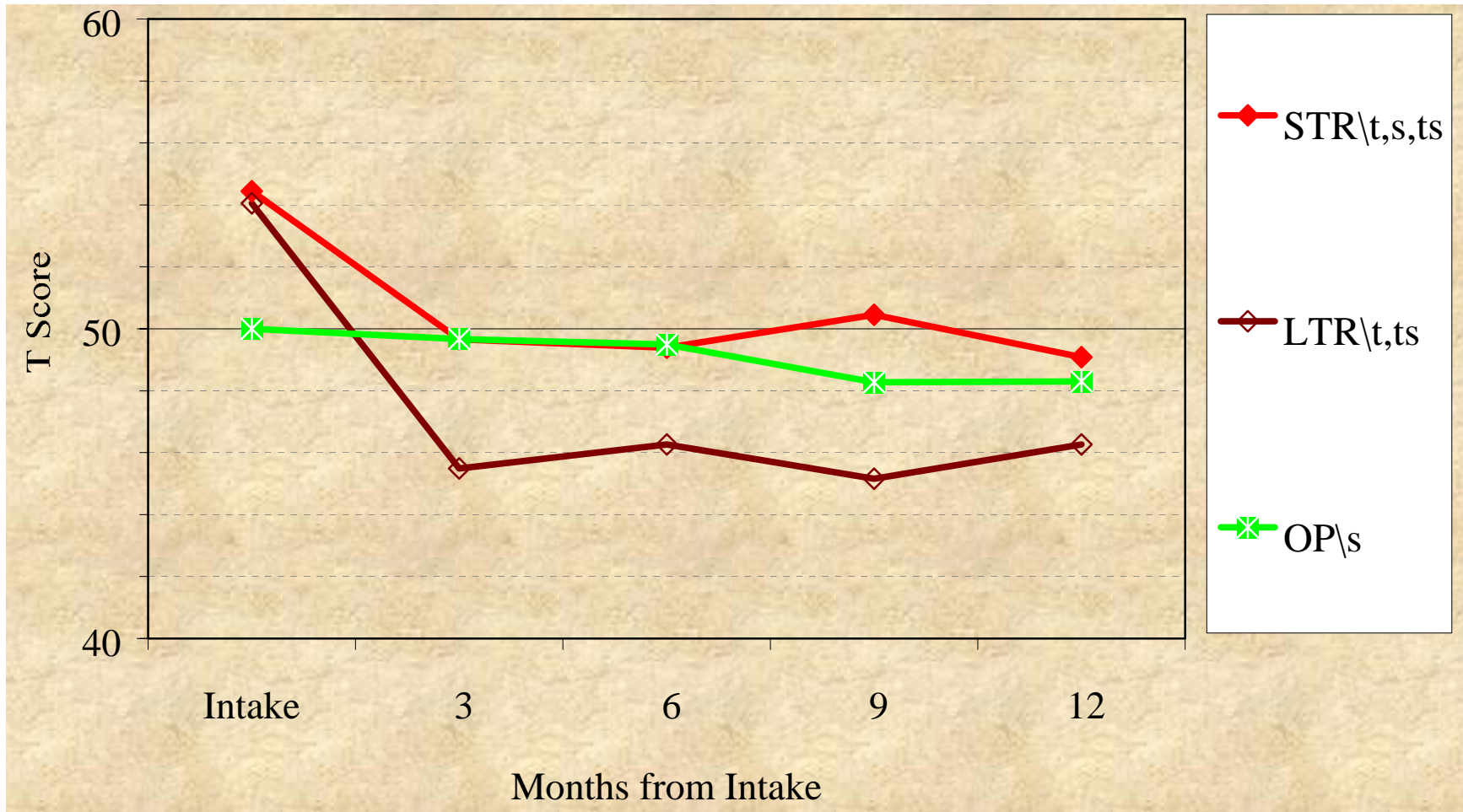


# Illegal Activity (not just possession)



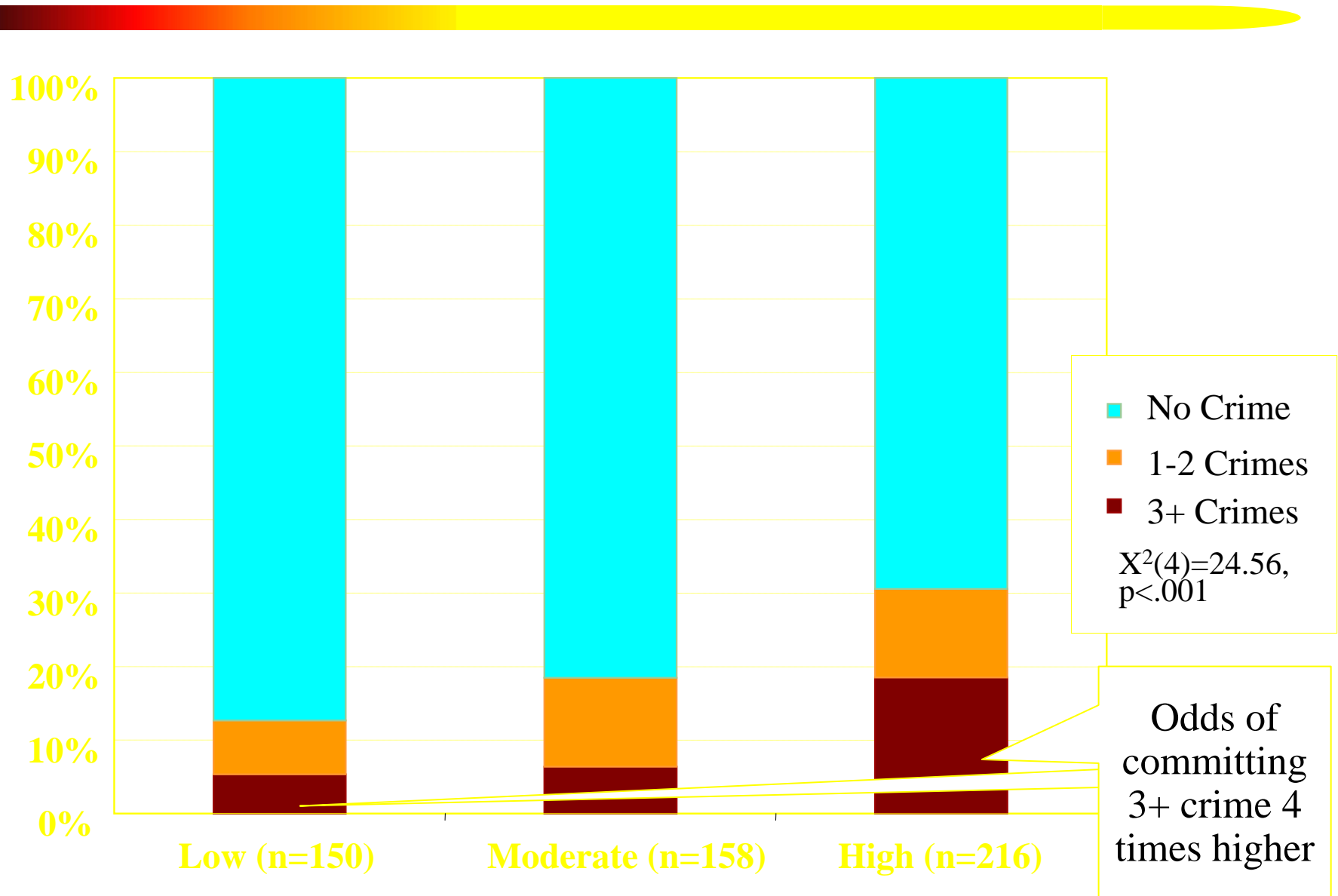
Source: Adolescent Treatment Model (ATM) data

# Change in Illegal Activity Index by Level of Care

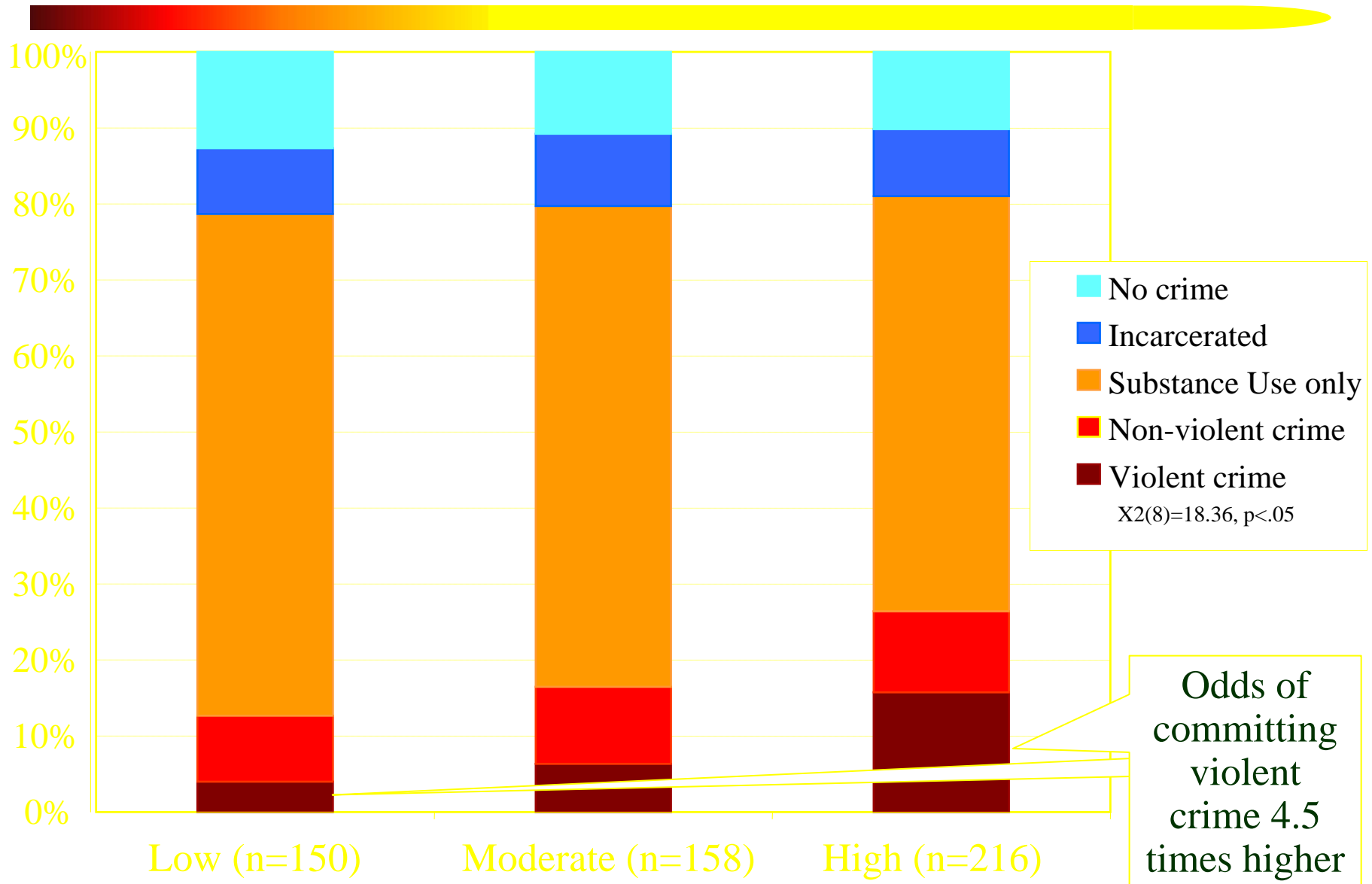


Source: Adolescent Treatment Model (ATM) data; Level of cares coded as Long Term Residential (LTR, n=390), Short Term Residential (STR, n=594), Outpatient/Intensive and Outpatient (OP/IOP, n=560);. T scores are normalized on the ATM outpatient intake mean and standard deviation. Significance ( $p < .05$ ) marked as \t for time effect, \s for site effect, and \ts for time x site effect.

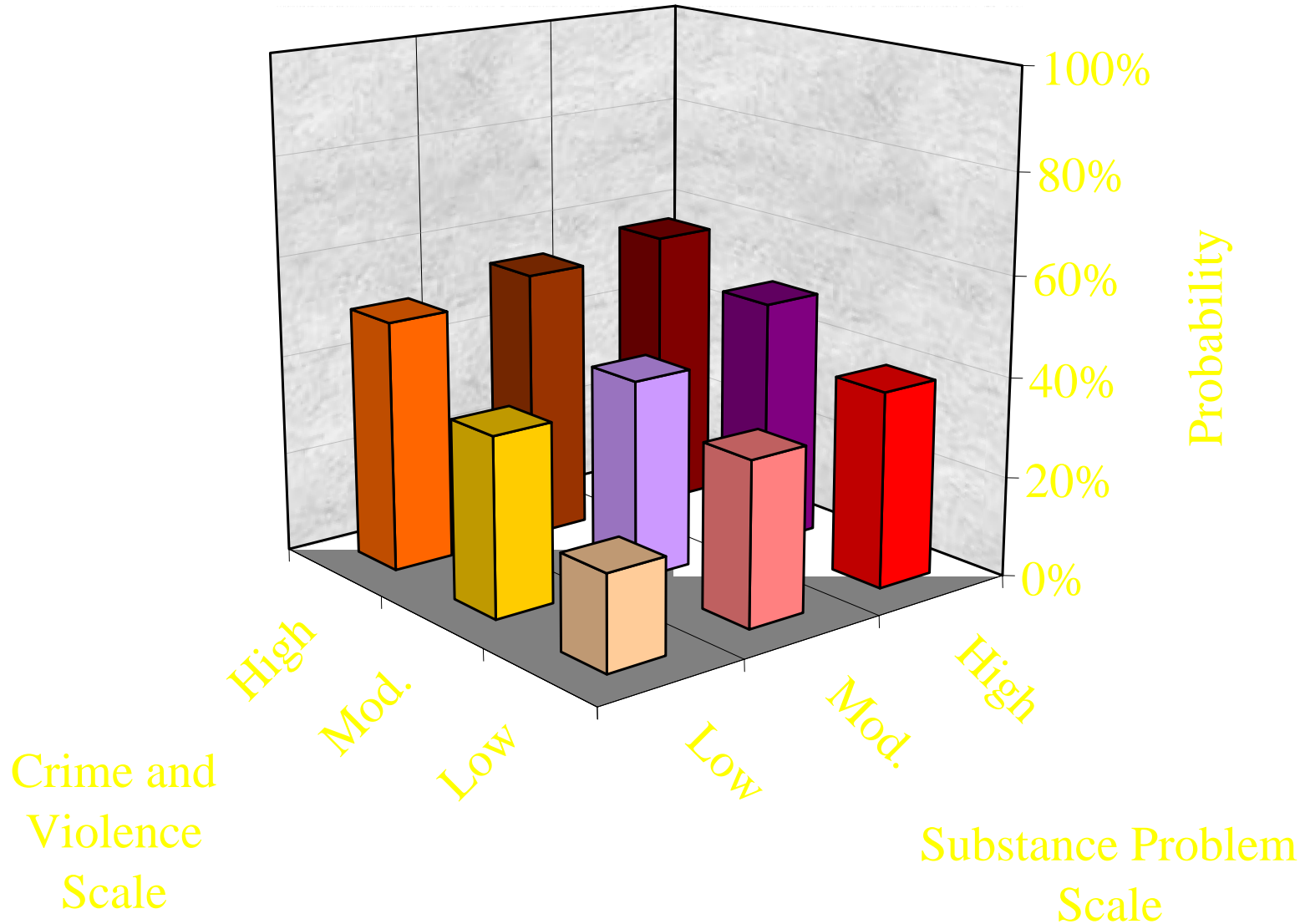
# CVS can predict Criminal Activity 30 Months Later



# CVS Predict Type of Crime 30 Months Later



# SPS and CVS Together Predict Recidivism in 12 Months



# More risk = More care

- Prognosis is worse for “dd” youth for many reasons: less motivation, increased academic, family, and behavior problems, limited coping and social skills.
- Lag in important adolescent development tasks – individuation, moral development and conceptualization of future family, vocational and educational goals.



# Supports for addressing MH &SA

- Unrecognized mental health disorders reduce engagement, retention and completion
- Untreated co-morbid disorders persist after recovery: ADHD, Mood Disorders
- After recovery from SUD, depression in youth is much more likely to persist compared to adults.
- Recent controlled trials indicate that tx of comorbid disorders alone is not likely to significantly reduce substance use or induce abstinence in dd adolescents.

# Substance Use is a Chronic Condition

- Relapse is common, particularly in the first 90 days
- From first use to a year of sobriety averages 27 years
- From first treatment to a year of sobriety averages 8 years with 3 to 4 admissions to care
- The majority of adults and adolescents in higher levels of care have been in treatment before
- Even in adolescent outpatient, over 1 in 4 have been in treatment before
- Yet the treatment and finance system has traditionally be set up with an “acute care” model.
- Need for more assertive models of public health and chronic care

# Lessons from Behavioral Studies

- Improvements generally came during active treatment and were sustained for 12 or more months
- Family therapies were associated with less initial change but more change post active treatment (and the same in long-term effects)
- Effectiveness was associated with therapies that:
  - were manual-guided and had developmentally appropriate materials
  - involved more quality assurance and clinical supervision
  - achieved therapeutic alliance and early positive outcomes
  - successfully engaged adolescents in aftercare, support groups, positive peer reference groups, more supportive recovery environments

# Lessons from Behavioral Studies

- The effectiveness of group therapy was dependent on the composition of the group
- The effectiveness of therapy was dependent on changes in the recovery environment and social risk
- Effectiveness was not consistently associated with the amount of therapy over 6-12 weeks or type of therapy
- As other therapies have improved, there is no longer the clear advantage of family therapy found in early literature reviews
- Differences between conditions change over time, with many people fluctuating between use and recovery

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# Cumulative Recovery Pattern at 30 months: (The Majority Vacillate in and out of Recovery)

